

2003-04 LEGISLATION SPONSORED BY THE VICTIM COMPENSATION AND GOVERNMENT CLAIMS BOARD (BOARD)

AB 283 (Jackson)

Limits the relocation benefit to \$2,000 per household and limits the total Victim Compensation Program (VCP) benefit to \$70,000 per victimization.

SB 631 (McPherson)

Proposes a number of provisions that will strengthen the Board's ability to collect revenue and clarifies existing law regarding restitution fees and fines.

SB 94 (Alpert), Chapter 7, Statutes of 2003

Authorized \$2.4 million to pay 598 claims against 39 state agencies. This bill includes provisions identical to AB 3019 (Orpreza) of last year, which inadvertently died in the Assembly with concurrence pending.

SB 95 (Alpert)

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SB 96 (Alpert)

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2003-04 LEGISLATION AFFECTING THE BOARD

AB 101 (LaSeur)

Revises entire restitution code section with intent to clarify and streamline existing law.

AB 352 (Goldberg)

Doubles minimum fee from \$200 to \$400 as a condition of probation for domestic violence offenders and adds an additional \$50 to the \$400 fee to cover the cost of processing protective orders.

AB 486 (Parra)

Increases prison terms and fines for driving with a suspended or revoked license for violations of restrictions imposed by DUI convictions.

AB 702 (Jackson)

Removes the Director of General Services as Chair of the Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board and adds the Secretary of State and Consumer Services as the Board's Chair.

AB 727 (Leslie)

Requires every person convicted of specified sexual offenses to pay an additional fine of \$500 to help pay for the costs of medical examinations of sexual assault victims.

AB 883 (Runner)

Streamlines and strengthens existing law regarding the prohibition of receiving a profit for providing information obtained as a result of witnessing a crime.

AB 891 (Runner)

Imposes an additional fine between \$2,500 and \$10,000 upon sex offenders, or between \$2,500 and \$25,000 if the victim is a minor, which would be appropriated to local government for the enforcement of sex registration requirements.

AB 912 (Reyes)

Decreases the maximum amount from 50% to 20% that the California Department of Corrections can deduct from prisoners' wages and trust accounts for outstanding restitution fines imposed on a prisoner.

AB 976 (Montanez)

Authorizes the Board to recognize a representative of a victim or derivative victim who could represent or act on behalf of the victim or derivative victim pursuant to rules adopted by the Board.

AB 992 (Ridley-Thomas)

Imposes a 10-cent fee on every piece of ammunition, which would be deposited in the Firearm Victims Reimbursement Fund, to be used to pay firearm-injury victims for uncompensated pecuniary losses. The fund shall be administered by the California Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board in a similar manner and for similar purposes as the board administers the Restitution Fund except that it shall not be limited to victims of crime.

AB 1026 (Levine)

Lowers the blood-alcohol level from 0.2% to 0.15% that may be used to justify sentence enhancement for specified DUI convictions and requires the court to double the fines for specified DUI offenses if the defendant had a blood-alcohol level of 0.15% or higher.

AB 1346 (Bermudez)

Requires the court to maintain a law enforcement report as confidential. If the report is released to the public, this bill requires that specified information be redacted before its release.

AB 1625 (Benoit)

Deletes language in current law that requires all penalty assessments and court costs be included in the first \$30 fine for not wearing a seat belt and/or maintaining seat belts in good working order and the \$50 fine for a second and each subsequent violation for this infraction. In other words, penalty assessment and court costs would be added to the \$30 or \$50 fine for this infraction.

SB 58 (Johnson)

Requires that the court keep police reports, arrest reports or investigative reports confidential unless otherwise required by existing law.

SB 161 (Knight)

Increases fines and prevents plea bargaining for the crime of intentionally fleeing or evading a pursuing police officer's vehicle or bicycle while driving reckless or dangerously, and makes this crime exclusively a felony.

SB 246 (Escutia)

Requires the Judicial Council to develop and adopt guidelines for implementing a comprehensive program for the collection of money imposed by the court.

SB 478 (Dunn)

Requires an employer to allow an employee who is a victim of crime or specified derivative victim of a crime to be absent from work to attend judicial proceedings relating to the crime and would prohibit an employer from discriminating against such an employee in any way. This bill would also encourage district attorneys and victim-witness centers to make information regarding provisions of this bill available for distribution in their offices.

SB 848 (Karnette)

Authorizes the City of Long Beach to establish a program for bicycle and pedestrian safety by doubling or increasing the fines for vehicle infractions if committed in specially posted school zones.

SB 890 (Johnson)

Requires 85% of any judgment obtained in a civil action brought by a plaintiff who has not suffered a distinct and palpable injury as a result of unfair business acts/practices be deposited in the Restitution Fund.